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12.04 hrs.

STATEMENT: (i) CORRECTING REPLY

TO STARRED QUESTION NO.23, DATED 6TH JULY, 2004

RE: SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN AND

GIVING REASONS FOR DELAY IN CORRECTING THE REPLY

Title: Regarding correcting the reply given on 6.7.2004 to starred question No. 23 by Sarvashri Bachi Singh Rawat "Bachda" and Brijbhusan Saran Singh, MPs regarding Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and giving reasons for delay in correcting the reply.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): Sir, with your permission, I request that Annexures I to IV referred in reply to parts (a) and (b) of Starred Question No.23 dated 6th July, 2004 may be substituted by Annexures I to IV, as laid, in which corrected entries have been highlighted.

The reason for the delay is as follows. A notice of intention to correct the reply was first sent to the Lok Sabha Secretariat on 20th August, 2004 during the Second Session of the 14th Lok Sabha. The same was expected to be placed in Lok Sabha on 31st August, 2004 which was the Question Day for this Ministry. However, the House was prematurely adjourned on 26th August, 2004 itself.

MD. SALIM (CALCUTTA − NORTH EAST): Sir, the Minister is correcting a reply given to a Starred Question. Normally, we have the right to put Supplementaries on a Starred Question.

So, when later on the Minister come with the correction giving the Statement, Members are deprived of putting supplementary questions. We are not able to put supplementary questions on the corrected answer. So, Members should have been allowed to put supplementary questions or the Minister....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Your point is very well taken. We shall see how it can be done in future.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Now we shall take up Item No.14 - Calling Attention by Shri P.C. Thomas.

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दक्षिण दिल्ली) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, मैंने प्रिवीलेज का सवाल पूछा था, आपने कहा था कि वह आपके अंडर कंसीडरेशन है। इस सदन में सरकार के दो मंत्रियों ने एक-दूसरे पर भ्रटाचार के भयंकर आरोप लगाए हैं। उसको सारे हिन्दुस्तान ने देखा है। प्रधान मंत्री जी ने उसका कोई उत्तर नहीं दिया।

MR. SPEAKER: Please sit down.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Of course, you are right. Either today or tomorrow, I will let you know.

...(*Interruptions*)

श्री रघुनाथ झा (बेतिया) : हमने भी इन पर भ्रटाचार के आरोप लगाए हैंâ€¦ (व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप ऐसा क्यों कर रहे हैं? आप बैठिए। I have not denied it. Either today or tomorrow, I will let you know.

...(*Interruptions*)

प्रो. विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा : प्रधान मंत्री जी से भी कहेंगे कि वे यहां आकर उत्तर दें। â€¦ (व्यवधान)

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): I have given a notice. Allow me to raise it in the `Zero Hour". ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: On what?

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is not the `Zero Hour". You are a very senior parliamentarian.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU : Please allow me to raise it after the Calling Attention. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Not before the Calling Attention. Once I made an exception. Only one matter is there before `Zero Hour"